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Mr. J. G. CARLISLE will be the Speaker of the House.

Both parties are still claiming the majority of the Indiana Legislature on joint ballot.

It was rumored Wednesday and Thursday that Speaker John G. Carlisle was defeated, but our latest intelligence is that he will have a majority of about 500.

TONY BARLEON of the *Vinton Record* is burdened with sorrow over the result of the election in that County. Evidently Tony did not know the campaign was loaded till the blamed thing went off.

It is not generally known that on West Broad street, Columbus O. is the shop of L. B. Davies, the inventor of the locomotive cowcatcher. He was born in Kennebec County, Me., and is now well on in years. He spends his time in studying books on mechanics and designing ironwork. He is far from wealthy. Like most inventors, he had not the knack of profiting financially by his mechanical genius and will most like die in comparative poverty.

It is not generally known that Colonel W. R. Morrison represents a Republican district. When the Republican Illinois Legislature apportioned the State Colonel Morrison's district was fixed to defeat him. His election notwithstanding grew out of his personal popularity as an honest man and a brave soldier overcoming the partisan majority against him. His present defeat by his able opponent, however it was brought about, is but the reassertion of the Republican leanings of his constituency.

We are informed that T. S. Floyd has received the appointment to the position of watchman in the Government Post Office in Washington, D. C. Mr. Floyd was a Democratic soldier in the war of the Rebellion and served in Company I, 2nd Regiment O. V. I. from Aug. 15 1861 to Sep. 21 1862, when he was discharged on a certificate of disability from the surgeon. Thus one by one are the soldiers remembered by the Democratic Administration. Mr. Floyd will make a faithful and accommodating official.

The confirmation of Speaker Carlisle's re-election by a majority of 768, according to official returns from every county in the district, will be good news to all except the hide-bound Protectionists who see a free-trader in everybody who calls for an abatement of unnecessary war taxes. Mr. Carlisle in an interview with a newspaper correspondent explains the cause of the great falling off of his majority. It was not generally known that anybody was really running against him, and not a fifth of the vote was out. The agents of the protected monopolies tried the "still hunt" on him, and nearly succeeded. There was a little of Democratic apathy that marks the whole country this year, but Mr. Carlisle's friends will hardly be caught napping again.

**How it Hurts.**  
The Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette* remarks that "the struggle of the Democrats to maintain their hold upon Indiana is something diabolical." Indeed! Why, in the estimation of a great many well meaning people, it is a diabolical thing for the Democratic party to offer any opposition whatever to the various efforts made to uproot and destroy it by those who wish to have full control of every branch of the government in order that the people may be robbed for the benefit of themselves and their pet monopolies.

**The Auditor.**  
The County Commissioners have by authority of the law appointed Capt. W. M. Bowen, Auditor, to serve from the first Monday of November 1886, at which time his recent term expired until the first Monday of November 1887 at which time the term to which he has just been elected will begin. This will give him one additional year of service. This was made necessary by the change in the time of holding the election.

**Was it Preconcerted.**  
It looks very much as if there had been a protectionist conspiracy to defeat Carlisle, Morrison and Hurd because of their prominence as tariff reformers and friends of tax reduction. So far as Morrison and Hurd were concerned the conspiracy was successful. But these victories cover the successful exploits of the protectionists. We do not hear of any Democratic revenue reformers who made

their fight on Democratic ground who are defeated. The defeat of Democratic protectionists by Republican protectionists cannot be counted a loss to the party. The gains of Democratic Congressmen who are revenue reformers—two in New York, two in Massachusetts, three in Minnesota and several in other states—really save the nominal Democratic majority in the Fifty-fifth Congress. Only one Democratic Representative is sent back from the South who followed the disastrous lead of Mr. Randall in voting against the consideration of the Morrison bill. This is significant. When it is noted how Democratic revenue reform is leaving and ripening public sentiment in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Wisconsin, the friends of reduced and equalized taxation have every reason for rejoicing and renewed hope. The ignorant and malevolent clamor raised by the organs of monopoly over the regrettable defeat of Mr. Morrison cannot deceive the public. The cause of revenue reform is greater than its leaders. Mr. Hurd's defeat is not to be accounted a protectionist gain, as his district is now represented by a protectionist.

**Tightening the Screws.**  
At a meeting of the soft coal operators in Ohio, just held at Columbus, a pool was formed by the terms of which the price of coal will be advanced 50 cents a ton. "As soon as the miners hear of this," says the report, "they will ask an advance of 25 cents per ton for mining." And this says a wealthy operator, "will be refused; we will pay an advance of ten cents and no more."

In other words, combined capital will take 40 cents of the increase and give labor but 10 cents. The consumers, who pay it all, are unable to get the benefit of any competition in production or of the low wages paid the miners—if any could be so mean as to wish to profit by the latter—for the pool controls the production and "if any member is discovered selling at less than the price fixed he will be fined \$100 and \$1 a ton for all the coal thus sold."

And it is to enable such monopolies to fix the price of a universal necessity and to squeeze labor to the verge of starvation wages that Congress maintains a duty of 75 cents per ton on bituminous coal. It is done in the name of "Protection." The low wages of imported cheap labor and the helplessness of the coal-consuming people, who are forced to pay tribute to these voracious combinations, show what it is that is protected. And yet the coal barons and their political tools wonder at the spread of working people's discontent.—*Exchange.*

**Democrats Rejoice.**  
When after one of the most bitter campaigns ever made in Ohio, after bulldozing in the last legislature, and the indiscriminate and lying charges of fraud and after the wholesale perjury of murderers and horse-thieves at the O. P. to injure the Democratic party and Democrats the party of the people out down the Republican majority in the State six-thousand votes, should bring joy to every Democratic heart and a glad consciousness that the year of jubilee is coming. Nor can the Republicans console themselves with the thought that this loss can be accounted for by an increase in the Prohibition vote for that vote presents no material increase over last year.

The Prohibition vote of last year was 28,081 and this year 28,637 a net increase of 556, of which increase Hocking Co. furnishes more than one third. Hence, we smile, we laugh, we rejoice.

**The Lost is Found.**  
Some time in September the DEMOCRAT noticed the fact that J. W. Jones, of Sedalia, Athens Co. lost his pocket book. Of the occurrence and denouncement the *Shawnee Banner* of this week says: On the third day of last Sept. Mr. J. W. Jones lost his pocket book going from his home to Athens, containing \$133.00 in paper and \$600 in currency. John H. Schultz, of Columbus was employed in the case and Saturday arrested James Clifford in Corning. Clifford was taken before Esq. Trimble, where he pleaded guilty and made a full confession as to where he found the pocket book. He put it in his coat pocket where he kept it until Sunday evening when he took out all the papers and destroyed them and hid the money under the steps Clifford is now in jail in Athens, bond \$200. Detective Schultz is now at Athens getting out papers and more arrests will follow. Clifford is the man who was charged with being the leader of the mob who hung a man named Hickey at Rendville for shooting his brother a little over two years ago.

The Blizzard of yesterday afternoon was severe and extensive,

## What We Expected.

The Dow Tax Law ought to be gently moved up to \$500 next winter. If the naked question of this increase could be submitted to the voters of Ohio it would carry three to one.—*Ironclad Register.*

This is the sentiment of our people. Let the fine be fixed commensurate with the crime committed or the injury done. Let the tax be moved up gently to \$500. The Republican party ought to be able to see the handwriting the people are making.—*Vinton Record.*

Of course it is, your people are willing to do anything or be anything to recover the 6000 votes lost from the majority of a year ago, but you will have a hard time conciliating the Prohibitionists and at the same time hold your own with the liquor men.

## "How Long Oh Lord How Long."

Jim Campbell, (Dem.), according to alleged corrected official returns from the Seventh Ohio district, is elected to Congress over John Little by two votes. There are very few who do not believe this result was brought about by fraud.—*Lancaster Gazette.*

When the Republicans first steal the Ohio Senate, and then run through a gerrymander by which they propose to steal five representatives in Congress, and, in doing so, are forced to make one or two districts so uncomfortably close that the G. O. P. loses its grip and one of its favorites is defeated, the cry of fraud is raised. Had their villainous scheme succeeded in full all would have been serene.

## Base Ingratitude.

"The ballot-box stuffers and tally-sheet forgers took their marching orders to Indianapolis and tried to get in their work there at the election. It is likely to be made hotter for them in the lower State than it has been in Ohio."—*Lancaster Gazette.*

Who would have thought that after the great and memorable services rendered, by W. W. Dudley and his gang, to the G. O. P. only two years ago one that party's papers should make the above violent attack on them.

Yes, the Democrats of the Hoosier State will make it quite salubrious for them, but the above stab by one of their friends is base ingratitude.

## Who Will Win.

Columbus has a Mayor and a City Council, and each of these august powers have a chief of the fire department.

The council favor the old chief, whom they declare has been suspended without cause by the Mayor, and hence they refuse to confirm his appointment.

Whenever the council has a meeting the new appointment comes up for confirmation which is refused by the council.

This action reinstates the old chief. So soon as the council adjourns the Mayor at once suspends the old and reappoints the new, and the new takes charge until the next meeting of council when he will fall of confirmation and the old roll is again enacted.

As a solution of the difficulty we suggest that the council remain in perpetual session.

## The Lowery-Walton Case near South Bloomingville.

Last week we gave an account of the unfortunate shooting of Miss Walton, and stated that though dangerously injured there were hopes of her recovery. Last week the *Graphic*, as its name indicates, published a very graphic account of the affair in Metropolitan newspaper style and concluded with the statement that the girl died on Thursday of last week. The *Graphic* was a little "too previous" in reporting her death, as reliable information received by us within the last day or two, is that Miss Walton is still living and improving, with a good prospect of recovery, under the treatment and care of Dr. Green of Bloomingville.

## The Tally Sheet Forgery.

THE case of the alleged tally-sheet forgers at Columbus is dragging to a close. The State has absolutely failed at every point in the case, and their chief witness "convict" Francis stands convicted of perjury, yet we presume that the justice in accordance with the arranged plan will hold the accused parties to answer. If there is no slip the argument will probably be reached today.

## A Lunatic.

Donovan, the bridge-jumper, in his foolhardy feat of leaping from the Niagara suspension bridge, appears as a man lacking reason who has become confirmed in his folly. Such witless rashness affords only an evil example. Its exhibition should be discountenanced by sensible people and suppressed by statutory enactments, if no other way of prevention can be found.

## Ohio's Vote.

THE Official count of the votes cast on the 2nd inst in this State puts Robinson's majority at 11,581. The vote of the Prohibition party is 28,637. Nothing in the above figures to dishearten a Democrat.

## The Crupper Case.

The mystery that we mentioned last week in regard to the death of Mrs. Crupper still remains to some extent. On last Sunday Coroner Gage had the body exhumed at the Fairview Church Cemetery, and held an inquest. The *post mortem* was made by Drs. Wright and Mansfield. There was a normal and healthy condition of the brain and internal organs. There had been a bruise or abrasion on the forehead about two inches above the right eye about three-quarters of an inch in diameter, but the skin was not cut, and there was no fracture of the skull, in fact nothing from which death could be inferred as the result of force or violence. The statement of the girl, Jane Joy was taken under oath before Esq. Woods of Gibsonville, on Monday but revealed nothing definite that would tend to criminate Elisha Crupper. It will be remembered the report was that she had said after the burial that Elisha had thrown a door knob at her and struck his mother instead, causing instant death. The girl in her statement under oath does not say this, but states that he had a door knob in his hand and was not close enough to strike with it, and that she was so excited that she did not know whether he threw it or not and also that he walked past her with the knob in his hand after his mother fell. Elisha denying her statements, and there being no other persons present at the time who could be used as witnesses, the Coroner rendered a verdict that in view of the testimony and medical examination, she came to her death from natural causes. What the real facts are as to the manner of her death will most likely remain unsettled in the minds of many people.

## George's Absurd Idea.

We have heretofore pointed out the inherent absurdity of a proposition, put forward ostensibly in the interest of the workingmen, to tax the land which represents in thousands of cases the savings of the prudent poor, while exempting the mansions, the costly business structures and the vastly expensive improvements of the rich. A policy that would free the Mills Buildings, Vanderbilt houses and Fifth Avenue Hotels from taxation, and place the burden upon land alone, would be worse for the poor than is the landlordism of Ireland.

But there are other fatal fallacies in this "principle." Land is not the only thing that is enhanced in value by "the growth of population." Every man who owns a brood of chickens, a patch of potatoes, a horse and cart, a newspaper, a store or a mechanic's outfit is benefited by the same causes that enhance the value of land. Does this unearned increment, or increased value that the man himself does not create, "belong to society at large?" Shall the fortunate or farsighted purchaser of a farm or a corner lot be deprived by confiscation of the advance in the value of his property due to the growth of population, and his neighbors, who profit equally from the same cause, and perhaps more, be left in possession of their gains?

There is another thing which the land-taxers do not consider. It is not "monopolizers" or speculators alone who profit by the advance in real estate. Every man of moderate means who buys land for his own use, in the right locality, shares in the increase. The workingman who pays \$500 for a lot and in five years finds it worth \$1,000, solely through the growth of population, has made the same percentage of profit that a richer man reaps who buys lots for \$50,000 and sells them for \$100,000. The disciples of Mr. George forget in making it unprofitable for rich men to own land which they are not putting to use they would make it impossible for poor men to own land at all.

## Hocking County in Luck.

We are informed that a syndicate of New York capitalists, representing \$2,000,000, have purchased a large tract of land near South Bloomingville, with a view of developing the oil wells that abound in that neighborhood. The oil may be found there in large quantities is evidenced by the fact that a few wells sunk for experimental purposes have been active for some time, pouring forth a fair-sized stream of oil. The wells are shallow and imperfectly constructed, and it is believed that oil can be found there in paying quantities if money is expended to erect suitable shafts, etc. They also contemplate the purchase and extension of the Kershner Railroad from Aldolph, the present terminus, to South Bloomingville, Ohio. South Bloomingville is on the line of the proposed Lancaster and Hamden Railroad.

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